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# FIRST FROM THE CAPE SHORE.

SCH. CONSTELLATION AT T WHARF TODAY WITH 25,000 FRESH MACKEREL.

The feature arrival at T wharf this morning is the sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire, from the Cape Shore, with the first mackerel fare from there this season. With no mackerel in at any of the southern shore ports and bad weather reported out that way, the dealers were shy of fresh mackerel and wanted some badly so they run the price of the 25,000 fresh ones which the Constellation had up to 18 cents each, all of which was very pleasing to Capt. Maguire and his crew. The Constellation also had 160 barrels of salt mackerel which she will take to Gloucester.

There are only two arrivals with ground fish this morning and both got good figures for their cod and haddock. The unusual state of affairs of market cod bringing more than large prevailed, for the former sold for \$4.50 as top figure while \$4 was the best the large fish brought. Haddock sold at \$4 to \$4.50. The sch. Elva L. Spurling had 19,000 pounds of market fish, while the Mary B. Greer hauled for 57,000 pounds altogether, half of which were hake and cusk.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Catherine and Ellen arrived with a small fare and sch. Matthew B. Greer had a load, 114,000 pounds, practically all hake and a few cusk with them. This morning she was getting out a few large hake at \$1.50. She will bring the most of her fare to Gloucester to split, while sch. Mary B. Greer will also bring down part of her catch.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 7000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Constellation, 25,000 large fresh mackerel, 160 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 2000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 8000 cusk.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Matthew B. Greer, 1000 haddock, 3000 cod 100,00 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Haddock, \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$4 to \$4.50; large hake, \$1.50.

## Sch. Robert & Carr at Cunday's Harbor.

Regarding the reported sailing of sch. Robert and Carr from Portland, leaving her skipper behind, the Portland Express says:

"For a time it was reported that the crew of the Robert and Carr had stolen the vessel and Captain Wylie threatened to board the Revenue Cutter Androscoggin to request Captain Broadbent to go out in search of the Robert and Carr. However, the cutter did not leave port and Deputy Collector Arthur L. Farnsworth of this port learned today that the crew of the Robert and Carr had taken the vessel to Cunday's Harbor where she is owned by the Watson Brothers. According to the information received by Deputy Collector Farnsworth the vessel was tied up at Cunday's Harbor this morning where the owners can see her."

"It was learned this morning that Captain Wylie held the master's license for the vessel, but that Captain Albert Jacobson had charge of the business end, whenever the vessel came into port with fish. Only a few days ago the Robert and Carr came in from the fishing grounds with 150 barrels of herring and the fish were sold to the Portland Cold Storage Company, the money for the fish being paid to Capt. Jacobson. It is thought here that Captain Jacobson was in charge of the vessel when she left Portland Thursday afternoon without having Captain Wylie on board."

## Lunenburg Fish Notes.

The following fishing schooners arrived from the banks Friday: Mattawa, Frank H. Adams, Annie L. Spindler, Ronald G. Smith, Revenue and Earl Grey.

Schs. Frank H. Adams, Acadia and Evelyn V. Miller sailed for the banks on Monday.

Sch. Lloyd George, Captain Hummelman, arrived from the banks Friday night with 1100 quintals of fish.

The marine railway is working at its full capacity, taking on four vessels each day.

The sch. J. B. Young, Captain Himmelman, arrived from the banks Friday night.

Sch. Uda A. Saunders arrived here from the banks Friday evening, with 600 quintals of fish.

Adams and Knickle shipped a carload of dry fish to the West Indies Saturday morning, via Yarmouth.

Schs. Clintonia, Revenue and Jennie L. Ritcey are fitting again for the banks.

## Gone to Bay of Islands for Herring.

Sch. James A. Garfield, which remained at Bay of Islands, N. F., all winter herring fishing and which arrived here two weeks ago with a load of salt herring, sailed for that place again today to bring home another load, part of her last winter's catch.

## Heavy Sea Outside.

There is a very heavy sea outside, kicked up by the easterly of the past few days. Yesterday it made a clean breach over the Dog Bar breakwater, and this morning, even at half tide it is coming over the granite structure along the whole length.

## In On Account of Bad Weather.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, the first of the fleet to sail swordfishing this season, returned to port yesterday because of the heavy weather outside. She will sail again as soon as the weather favors.

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## LUNENBURG IS HAPPY.

Pleased Over the Outlook for Its Fish Market On This Side.

Lunenburg, N. S., Gloucester's greatest salt fish rival in the western hemisphere, is jubilant over the prospect of the greatest fish year in her history and free entry of her fish into the American market before long and also the splendid catch of the vessels of her big salt bank fleet thus far this season.

Here's the way the Lunenburg correspondent of the Halifax, N. S., Chronicle speaks of it.

"This promises to be a banner year for the Lunenburg fishing fleet. The average catch of 688 quintals for the 45 vessels entered at the Custom house is considered particularly good in view of the fact that the spring has been a very stormy one and the great flow of ice interfering materially with the operation of the fleet. The prices are quoted today at \$6.90 per quintal, with little chance of a drop in the near future, and the prospect of the opening of the American market shortly makes fishermen jubilant, and places Lunenburg's favorite industry in a high scale of prosperity."

"Taking everything into consideration, it is not too optimistic to say that the year 1911 promises to be the biggest fish year in the history of the port."

## Floating Fishermen and Cold Storage.

A floating halibut and cold storage plant will be operated by the Weilding & Independent Fisheries Co. of Seattle, says the Pacific Fisherman. This company has purchased the full-rigged ship Smith of 200 tons capacity, and are equipping her with a cold storage plant of 40 tons capacity. For the present she will be used alongside the new fish dock the company is building on the East Waterway at Seattle, but it is the ultimate plan to move her to Petersburg, Prince Rupert and wherever else the halibut fishing happens to be good. The boat can be supplied with fish from her own dories, from the independent schooners or the company's two steamers and can remain on the banks as long as she wishes. Upon securing a full load she can neither ship the same down or bring the fish into port herself.

## To Erect New Warehouse.

W. F. Robinson, formerly of this city, now of the Robinson Fisheries Company of Anacortes, Washington, states that his company plans to erect a new codfish warehouse adjoining the site of the fertilizer factory owned and operated by his company and which is on the bay a few miles south of Anacortes. "Our plans call for a building as large and complete as the one which we originally built at Anacortes and which we sold to a commission firm about a year ago," said Mr. Robinson. "J. E. Chilberg, of Seattle, is the vice president of the company and upon his return from the East we shall pass finally upon the plans for the new building. With the erection of this structure, which is bound to follow in the course of events, we shall have by far the largest codfish plant on the Pacific coast."

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# SECOND ARRIVAL FROM CAPE SHORE

Sch. Sylvania Landed Fare of 33,000 Fresh Mackerel at T Wharf.

Will Bring Her 90 Barrels of Salted Fish to This Port.

Sch. Sylvania, raced up Boston harbor yesterday afternoon and when she made fast at T wharf, Capt. Lemuel Firth, right from the Cape Shore, hailed his fare for 33,000 fresh mackerel and 90 barrels of salted fish. Of course the buyers were red hot for them and they clustered around the skipper as thick as flies around a molasses barrel. They didn't chirp up to the figure Capt. Firth thought his fish ought to bring considering that sch. Constellation had sold in the morning at 18 cents per fish, so he just told the gang to "let her lay till morning and start nothing."

They talked better, a whole lot better, this morning. They talked up to 15 cents all right, and then they lagged, but nevertheless the dealers wanted them, some of them did, and although the last cent came hard, Capt. Firth finally got the 16 cent offer for which he had been looking and he just quietly said, "They're yours." Schooner Made Quick Run From Sambro.

The skipper reports that when sch. Constellation kept off for home he had no fish. This only shows how quickly things can change in the mackerel business. Capt. Maguire started for home Tuesday, after making his fine haul Monday night, leaving the Sylvania and one other seiner there. That night the fish showed in good shape and Capt. Firth got two fine sets and scooped up his whole big trip right then and there.

Then just as soon as he could get some of the fish below and the craft ship-shape, he swayed up everything and started for home. It is 240 miles from Sambro to Gloucester and the Sylvania made the last 300 miles of the distance in 23 hours, which is certainly some slipping, and stamps the practically new craft as a good

one and also shows that she had the finest kind of a chance along with the right man aboard to take advantage of the opportunity.

## Another Craft Made Good Hauls at Same Time.

Capt. Firth says when he got his fish there were two other seiners there, one of them, sch. Slade Gorton, making a good haul, while the other craft he did not know. The fish were taken off Sambro and all the rest of the fleet had gone to the eastward.

A dispatch to the Boston Fish Bureau this morning states that all the American fleet were off Whitehead yesterday and were taking fish.

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## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Esperanto passed north by Port Mulgrave, N. S., Tuesday.

Sch. Grace Darling was at Yarmouth, N. S., Tuesday with 6000 lbs. of halibut.

## Sailed on Greenland Flitched Halibut Trip.

Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Patrick Vale, one of the veteran master mariners of this port and still in active service, sailed today on a flitched halibut trip to the Greenland fishing grounds. But one American fishing vessel has been to these grounds in the past 25 years, but in the palmy days of that fishery, Capt. Vale was one of the king pins. His friends are wishing for him a prosperous voyage.

It is already evident that the plan of most of the skippers on the Cape Shore is to get all the fish they can to run fresh, not paying as much attention as formerly to salting fish. This means with the small fleet down there, only 32 sail, that the salted catch at best can only be small and with the fresh fish idea uppermost as it undoubtedly is, the landings of salt mackerel from the Cape Shore cannot help being small. For this reason a pretty good price is looked for on the salt fish.

## Mackerel at Halifax.

The second large mackerel catch of the season at Halifax, arrived there Tuesday the sch. D. C. Mulhall, Capt. Perrin, of Herring Cove, bringing in 15,000 fish, which were purchased by A. Wilson & Sons.

## Nantucket Boats Caught in Northeast Gale.

Eleven boats of the Nantucket mackerel fleet were caught southeast of Tuckermuck Wednesday night and Thursday in the worst northeast gale of the season, they came straggling into port all day. At dark Thursday night, two of the fleet were yet to be heard from. Of those that arrived, one was considerably damaged by being driven ashore on Eel Point, another damaged her rudder by striking a jetty, and nearly all the others met with injury to motors or nets. All the boats had heavy fares.

## Notes of the Fishery.

This morning at Boston there are 344 barrels of fresh mackerel from St. John, N. B., and 524 barrels on the steamer from Halifax.

At Provincetown yesterday some of the harbor traps took a few mackerel.

The mackerel taken on the Cape Shore are very large. They went 90 count to a barrel, first salting, which means about 110 fish to a packed barrel.

Four of the little netters were at Newport yesterday with 1700 fresh mackerel between them.

Capt. Samuel T. Hatch will fit sch. Arabia for mackerel seining.

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## New Fish Concerns.

Treacle Bros. is the name of a firm of merchandise brokers who have opened offices at No. 92 Roanoke avenue, Norfolk, Va. The firm is made up of Spencer B. and Charles H. Treacle, Jr. They will make a specialty of salt fish.

Cochran, Burns & Farnsworth Co., of Portland, Me., have been incorporated with a capital of \$75,000, to deal in, export and import in fish, oil and products, and to pack same. President, A. E. Farnsworth; treasurer, J. A. Cochran, Brookline, Mass.

## New Fishery Building at Rockland.

Work has begun on a two-story building, 28 by 112 feet, on the new extension of the McLoon wharf, Rockland. The ground floor will be used for the curing of fish, while the second story will have a capacity for 140 tons of salt. This wharf is one of the finest that juts into Rockland harbor, and it is the announced intention of the promoters of the plant to develop an industry in keeping with the modern surroundings.

## Sardine Outlook Is Good.

According to F. W. Williams of Eastport, Me., a veteran packer of sardines, who has recently been visiting New York and other eastern shipping centers, the sardine outlook is especially good, from the packer's point of view. He said the fish had been running light, and up to May 29 the pack was only about a quarter of what it should be. He thinks the price of domestic sardines will advance before it declines.



# MAIDEN TRIP OF SCH. GOV. FOSS.

## SCH. THOMAS S. GORTON LANDS BIG TRIP FROM CAPE SHORE GROUNDS.

The new sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, arrived this morning from her maiden trip, with a fine fare, after having been gone but 3 weeks. Capt. Thompson and his crew are much pleased with the new vessel and say that she proved herself to be the fine all around craft she was expected to be. Capt. Thompson hails for 28,000 pounds of halibut, 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 35,000 pounds of fresh cod.

Sch. Constellation came down from Boston this morning with the 90 barrels of salt mackerel.

The big trip of the day is that of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, from the Cape North ground, hailing for 80,000 pounds of salt cod and 120,000 pounds of fresh cod. This is Capt. Thomas' first shack trip of the season and a big stock and share will result.

Down from Boston with fish to split, mostly all hake, are schs. Matthew S. Greer with 100,00 pounds, sch. Mary B. Greer with 55,000 pounds and sch. Maud F. Silva with 35,000 pounds.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Gov. Foss, Quero Bank, maiden trip, 28,000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Cape North, 80,000 lbs. salt cod, 120,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Constellation, via Boston, 160 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Lochinvar, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, seining.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, pollock seining.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey, salt pollock seining trip.

Sch. Fish Hawk, pollock seining.

Sch. Little Fannie, seining.

Sch. Valentinna, pollock seining.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddock-ing.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, shacking.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, haddocking.

Sch. Alice, haddocking.

Sch. Richard, fresh and salt cod shacking.

Sch. Conqueror, fresh and salt cod shacking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, swordfishing.

Sch. Monitor, halibutting.

Sch. Thalia, George, drifting.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, hand-lining.

Sch. Marsala, Georges, handlining.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.00; medium \$3.50.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5;

medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.25 per cwt.; for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.75;

medium, \$4.37½.

Trawl Georges codfish, large, \$4.75;

medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.59;

medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$2.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2;

snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

#### Fresh Fish.

Fresh large mackerel 25 cents each.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medi-

um, \$1.35 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh cod-

fish, \$2.20 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25;

Hake, \$1.00.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80

cts.

Georges halibut, 8c per lb. for

white and 6 1-4 cts. for gray.

Bank halibut 6½ cts. per lb. for

white, 4 cts. for gray and 2 cts.

for chicken.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per

cwt.; mediums \$2.05.

Cape North cod, \$2.30 for large and

\$1.75 for mediums.

### Pensacola Fishing Notes.

The Fishing Gazette's Pensacola, Florida, correspondent writes to his paper that ten fishing smacks arrived during the week past, of which the Warren Fish Co. and E. E. Saunders & Co. had four each. The other two vessels came to the Bay Fish Co. Of the entire catch there were 133,000 pounds of redsnapper. Of this the Warren Fish Co. had 72,000 pounds; E. E. Saunders & Co., 48,000 pounds; and the Bay Fish Co. 13,000 pounds.

The biggest haul of snappers came to the Warren Fish Co. by the smack Silas Stearns. There were 27,000 pounds and 300 pounds of groupers. Other smacks of the Warren Fish Co. were smack Chicopee, 16,000 lbs. redsnapper, 6000 lbs. grouper; smack Emma Wixon 19,000 lbs. redsnapper, 6000 lbs. grouper; smack Galatea, 10,000 lbs. redsnapper.

E. E. Saunders & Co. had smack Wallace McDonald, 6000 lbs. red-snapper, 2000 lbs. grouper; smack Ida M. Silva, 15,000 lbs. redsnapper, 5000 lbs. grouper; smack Favorite, 11,000 lbs. red snapper, 4000 lbs. grouper; smack Louise Harper 16,000 lbs. red snapper, 5000 lbs. grouper.

Bay Fish Co., smack Dolphin, 8000 lbs. red snapper; smack Two Boys, 5000 lbs. redsnapper.

Capt. Anton Petersen is now in command of the smack Wallace McDonald.

Snapper fishermen believe the present season will be an ideal one. Taking advantage of the hot season, the local fish concerns are having their vessels that need repairs generally overhauled. The smack Albert Geiger, which has been hauled out for the past three months, but which was launched during the early part of the week, has been replaced on the ways by the Caviare.

### Motor Boats Benefit Fishermen.

And now the motor boat is ruining the fishing business in Casca bay, Portland.

That is what a couple of fishermen said Tuesday. They had some terribly hard things to say about the boats that go by gasoline power and in saying them they did not spare their words. They said that the boats were so noisy that they drove the fish out into deep waters where they could not be caught by the men who have only dories.

It is a fact, however, says the Portland Press, that the motor boats have done more to help the fishermen than any other one thing devised for a long time. The two dissatisfied ones who were condemning the gasoline craft, according to the others, did not seem to realize that fully 90 per cent. of the small boats fishing is now done with motor boats; that if a man did not have a motor boat he would be so far behind his competitors that he could make no money. While it is probably true that the motor boats without exhaust that are used in the bay are driving the fish from shoal waters, it is also true that the fishermen have caught more by the aid of motor boats than they would be able to catch under any other circumstances.

### Portland Cold Storage Co. Officers.

The annual meeting of the Portland Cold Storage Co. was held Tuesday afternoon. The officers who have served so acceptably during the past year were re-elected. They are:

President—C. N. Trefethen of South Portland.

General manager—J. C. Poole of Portland.

Clerk and treasurer—W. T. Maddocks of Portland.

Directors—M. J. Palson of Gloucester, W. H. Dugan of Portland, C. A. Studley of South Portland, W. T. Maddocks of Portland, J. C. Poole of Portland, John Nagle of Boston, H. A. Sargent of Portland and A. E. Presson of Gloucester.

No other business of public interest was transacted at the meeting.

### Dogfish Make Filet of Sole.

It is said dogfish in the hands of a French or German cook becomes splendid filet de sole. Yet the English trade is falling off. During April, 1648 hundred weight of dogfish were landed in England and Wales by commercial fishermen, against 1416 cwt. in the corresponding month last year. The value was estimated at \$2205 which works out at less than a penny a pound. During the four months ending April 30, 9408 cwt. of dogfish were landed in England and Wales against 9486 cwt. during the same time last year.

# MORE MACKEREL AT T WHARF.

## SCH. SYLVANIA HAS 33,000 LARGE ONES FROM THE CAPE SHORE.

Sch. Sylvania holds the center of the fish stage at T wharf today. She is from the Cape Shore with the great catch of 33,000 large fresh mackerel and 90 barrels of salt mackerel. The dealers wanted her fish, and the fresh ones sold at 16 cents each. Capt. Firth's story of the doings on the Cape Shore will be found in the mackerel column.

The steam trawlers Ripple and Spray are in with small haddock trips, and sch. Jorgina has a small shore fare. Sch. Mary DeCosta brings 25,000 pounds of haddock and cod and 2000 pounds of halibut, the latter selling at 10 cents for white and 6 cents for gray. There is no hake or cusk in sight.

The market showed little life outside of the demand for mackerel. Haddock brought from \$1.75 to \$3, and large cod \$3.50 and \$4.

### Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Str. Spray, 27,000 haddock, 3000

cod.

Str. Ripple, 31,000 haddock, 800

cod.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 15,000 had-

dock, 10,000 cod 2000 halibut.

Sch. Jorgina, 5000 haddock, 400

cod.

Sch. Sylvania, 33,000 large fresh

mackerel, 90 bbls. salt mackerel.

Haddock, \$1.75 to \$3 per cwt.;

large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod,

\$2.50 to \$3; halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for

white and 6 cts. for gray; fresh

mackerel, 16 cts. each.

### Portland Fish News.

The sch. Quickstep of this port, which arrived at Portland Tuesday afternoon, discharged Wednesday at the F. S. Willard Company's sheds on Central wharf, that concern having purchased her entire fare of 25,000 pounds of halibut in addition to 40,000 pounds of fresh fish. The catch was made off Seal Islands and was the result of 10 days' fishing. The schooner is leaking slightly and will probably haul out for repairs after reaching Gloucester.

But very few herring were brought in Wednesday the little steamer Gladys being about the only craft making a catch. She gathered in a small school of about 20 barrels close in to the rocks at Cliff island. Most of the fleet remained in port all day, the weather outside being reported so bad that the fishermen did not attempt to make a catch.

Another small trip of halibut, 8000 pounds, was brought in Wednesday by the Portland schooner Mary E. Sennett, which has been fishing on the Le Have banks.

The fishing steamer Lorna, owned by the J. W. Trefethen Company of this city and which has been out of commission for nearly two years, most of which time she has been tied up at the head of Long wharf, has just changed ownership, having been sold to Capt. Murray of Yarmouth, who intends to use her in catching herring. Her engines and boilers will be taken out and a gasoline engine installed in their place.

### No Giving Up Bounties.

The story that reciprocity in fish will mean the abolition of the present fishing bounties is being worked for election purposes. The question for the bounty paid to Canadian fishermen did not enter into the agreement concluded in Washington by Mr. Fielding, and there is nothing in the agreement which calls for the abolition of the bounty paid by the Dominion government to the fishermen of Nova Scotia. The reciprocity agreement stands on its own basis and must be accepted as it stands.—Halifax, N. S., Chronicle.

### Will Install Freezer and Cold Storage Plant.

Th steamer Alcona, which was recently purchased by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, and arrived here this week, went to Boston yesterday, where her freezer and cold storage plant will be installed. She will also haul out on the railways there before returning here. The job will take considerable time.

# ICE REPORTS MISLEADING.

## CAUSED DELAY TO FISHING FLEET IN REACHING THE MAGDALENS.

Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, which arrived from a fresh and salt shack trip this morning, with a fine fare, brings an interesting report.

He says that the ice reports this past spring were very misleading and that the ice was gone from some of the fishing places and vessels could get to the Magdalens quite a while before the reports indicated that fact. In consequence of this, the vessels were late at the Magdalens and also late on the Cape North and Scatteri grounds, and found poor fishing there in consequence, as the ice was all gone when they got there and the fish school had moved along with the floe.

He finished up his fare on St. Peter's bank, and there spoke sch. Onato, which kept off to the westward with him, either to come home or to go for another baiting. Several of the dory handliners were also there. They were shifting about every day and sometimes twice a day, and from their movements it did not look as though they were on good fishing. Off Sable Island, coming home, he also saw a big fleet of dory handliners.

On Quero bank he spoke several of the French fishing fleet and they all reported the poorest fishing for years. There were fully 50 sail of Frenchmen there and 700 quintals, green, was the highest any of them had and they ranged from that down to a pretty low figure. From some of them Capt. Thomas learned of the playing out of the bait at the Magdalen Island, and this they regarded as a calamity of large proportions.

Capt. Thomas came up the Cape Shore out of sight of land and saw no mackerel. He says that on Wednesday the sea was unusually rough, breaking as it would in a severe gale in winter, while yesterday was a regular gale with heavy rain squalls and cold.

### Nova Scotia Lobster Outlook.

The North Sydney, C. B., Herald says: Reports from Northern Victoria County would indicate a great hay vest for the lobster fishermen. The catch, especially at Meat Cove and vicinity has so far been phenomenal, and as the different fishermen have sold their season's catch at high figures, there is every reason to believe the industry will be a very profitable one to those engaged therein. Of course, the heavy gales of a fortnight ago wrought considerable damage to many traps and gear owned by several of the fishermen along the Northern shore, but this will be to a great extent offset by the plentiful quantities of the toothsome and much sought lobster.

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#### Says He's Oldest Fisherman.

Stephen S. Thompson, 80 years old, of Southport, Me., thinks he is the oldest fisherman in active service in the state. He has been a fisherman since he was 12 years old. He says he never has fished on Sunday.

#### Bankers Spoken.

Capt. Fred Thompson of sch. Gov. Foss reports speaking schs. Agnes, John Hays Hammond and Marjic Turner on Quero bank recently.

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#### Halibut Sale.

Halibut are not in very strong demand.

This morning the small lot of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 1500 pounds, sold to the American Halibut Company at 6 1-2 cents for white, 4 cents for gray and 2 cents for chickens.

The Quero Bank fare of sch. Gov. Foss remained unsold at noon.

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#### Foreign Trade Opportunity.

Fish Oil and Soap Materials.—A consular officer in Italy reports that a firm in his district desires to secure the agency for American exporters of fish oil and soap materials. For further information apply to the Bureau of Manufacturers, Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C., mentioning file No. 6761.